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Applicant: Joseph Phillip Bigus et al.
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Serial No.: 09/431,833 Examiner: Firmin Backer
Filed : November 2, 1999
For : INTELLIGENT AGENT WITH NEGOTIATION CAPABILITY AND METHOD OF NEGOTIATION THEREWITH

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. ☒ Transmitted herewith is an Amendment and Response.
 2. ☐ Small Entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
 - ☐ Enclosed is a verified statement to establish Small Entity status
 - ☒ Other than a Small Entity
3. The fee has been calculated as shown below:

CALCULATION OF FEES

Fee:	Number of Claims After Amendment:		Previously Paid For:	No. Extra:	At Rate:	Amount:
Total Claims	23	minus	20	3	\$50	\$150.00
Independent Claims	5	minus	3	2	\$200	\$400.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE					\$360	\$0.00
TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIMS:						\$550.00

- ☐ No additional fee for claims is required.

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4. ☐ Attached is a check in the sum of \$_____ for additional claims.
☒ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 23-3000 in the amount of \$550.00.

5. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply. Complete (a) or (b) as applicable.

- ☐ (a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 for the total number of months checked below:

	<u>Ext. Mos.</u>	<u>Large entity</u>	<u>Small entity</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	one month	\$ 120.00	\$ 60.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	two months	\$ 450.00	\$ 225.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	three months	\$1,020.00	\$ 510.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	four months	\$1,590.00	\$ 795.00
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Extension fee due with this request:

\$ _____

Method of Payment:

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If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)

- ☐ An extension for _____ months has already been secured and the fee paid thereof of \$_____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested. Extension fee due with this request \$_____.

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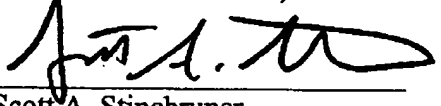
- ☒ (b) Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

6. ☒ If any additional fee for claims or extension of time is required, charge Account No. 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Answer dated January 12, 2005, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on
page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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